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1. THERE ARE NO SIGNS IN DAMASCUS THAT SYRIAN ARMY IS IN ANY "UNUSUAL" STATE OF ALERT. IF ANYTHING, THE ATMOSPHERE IN DAMASCUS IS RELAXED WHICH WAS UNDERSCORED FOR ME DURING MY SEVERAL VISITS TO THE PRESIDENTIAL PALACE THIS MORNING ON OTHER BUSINESS.

2. IN MY TALKS AROUND THE CITY, MY DIPLOMATIC COLLEAGUES HAVE ALSO REPORTED THE SAME FEELING OF RELAXATION. THE ITALIAN AMBASSADOR TELLS ME THAT HIS MILITARY ATTACHE REPORTS THERE HAVE BEEN NO UNUSUAL MOVEMENTS ON THE SYRIAN SIDE OF THE GOLAN. ACCORDING TO THE ITALIAN MILITARY ATTACHE, AS OF THIS MORNING THREE SYRIAN DIVISIONS REMAIN ON THE FIRST LINE OF DEFENSE
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AND TWO DIVISIONS REMAIN ON THE SECOND LINE OF DEFENSE.

IN ADDITION, THE MILITARY ATTACHE REPORTED THAT THE
SYRIAN ARMY OFFICERS WITH WHOM HE WAS IN CONTACT
APPEARED EQUALLY RELAXED AND CONCERNED MORE WITH THE
PREPARATIONS FOR TOMORROW'S REVOLUTION DAY CELEBRATION
THAN WITH THE GOLAN.
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